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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Robert J Canfield

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 June 2004.
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 13 is/are allowed.
6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-5,8,10 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 6,7,9,11 and 12 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 06/23/03
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____

1. This is a first Office action on the merits for application serial number 10/601,112 filed 06/23/03. Claims 1-13 are pending.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 1,657,263 to Lauby.

Umbrella having pole 5 and handle 10 is provided with securing member 9 for releasably attaching handle 10 to belt 1. Tubular member 4 is provided for selectively positioning strap 3 along length of pole 5.

4. Claims 1 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 595,218 to Staufer.

Element is considered a handle having an L-shaped hook 4 for attaching to a belt 6.

5. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 2,166,562 to Staley.

Handle 16 has a slit 18 which may be releasably attached to a belt.

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6. Claims 1, 2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 3,705,592 to Weber.

See the intermediate product shown in figure 2.

7. Claims 1, 2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,353,977 to Schiro Jr. et al.

Element 16 is considered the handle and has a slit 36 for attaching to a belt.

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claims 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 2,166,562 to Staley.

The depth of the slit 18 and to have made the handle in a circular shape are viewed as choices of design which would have been obvious at the time of the invention to one having ordinary skill in the art absent persuasive evidence that the particular shape and dimensional limitation are significant. Further, circular shaped umbrella handles are well known in the art.

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10. Claims 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

11. Claim 13 is allowed.

12. The examiner acknowledges receipt of the IDS filed 06/23/03. An initialed copy of the 1449 form is attached.

13. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert J Canfield whose telephone number is 703-308-2482. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Friedman can be reached on 703-308-0839. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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